

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Room
Holt Public Schools
Ninth Grade Campus
5780 West Holt Road
Holt, Michigan 48842

August 10, 2004
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Mr. John C. Austin, Treasurer
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser
Ms. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. Heidi Capraro, Michigan Teacher of the Year
Mr. Brendan Guilford, Alma College Student Intern

Absent: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, Vice President
Mr. Reginald M. Turner

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Straus, President, called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. She said Mr. Watkins is in China on annual leave and explained that the Board By-Laws state that in the Chairman's absence, the President will preside at the meeting. She thanked Mr. Thomas Davis, Superintendent of Holt Public Schools, for accommodating the Board meeting on such short notice.

II. WELCOME FROM HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. Thomas Davis, Superintendent of Holt Public Schools, welcomed the State Board of Education, Michigan Department of Education, and guests to Holt Public Schools.

III. AGENDA MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

A. Updated Information Related to Item B – Report on High Priority Schools in Restructuring

- B. Updated Information Related to Item C – Update on Public School Academies
- C. Draft – State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Strategic Plan (Goal and Objectives)
- D. Update on Intermediate School District Partnership
- E. Superintendent’s Report – Highlights of Activities for July – August 2004
- F. 2004-2005 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program – Initial and Continuation

IV. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on Proposed Administrative Rules and Procedures for Special Education
- B. Information on Supporting Student Behavior: Seclusion/Restraint Referent Group
- C. Letter to Mr. Watkins from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People dated July 22, 2004

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorship – added to agenda
- B. Report on the Allegan County Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services – added to agenda
- C. Report on the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services – added to agenda
- D. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Category 1 \$99,200 Amendment – added to agenda
- E. 2003-2004 Freedom to Learn (FTL) – Amendment – added to agenda
- F. 2004-2005 Title I Schoolwide Program Planning Grants – Initial – added to agenda
- G. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Category 1 \$136,000 Amendment – added to agenda
- H. 2004-2005 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program – Initial and Continuation – added to agenda

- I. Discussion Regarding Sixth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals Ruling – Communities for Equity v. Michigan High School Athletic Association – added to agenda

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Straus, Weiser

Absent: Moyer, Turner

The motion carried.

VI. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education, Department staff, and guests attending the meeting.

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:55 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VIII. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Straus called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Report on Release of Michigan School Report Card

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer

B. Personal Privilege – Mrs. Eileen L. Weiser
National Assessment Governing Board Meeting Report

The following individual presented:

- Mrs. Eileen L. Weiser, National Assessment Governing Board Member and State Board of Education Member

C. Report on High Priority Schools in Restructuring

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement

D. Update on Public School Academies

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement

E. Update on State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Strategic Plan/Aligning for Leadership

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Nancy Mincemoyer, Director, Organizational Development
- Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer

F. Update on Intermediate School District (ISD) Partnership

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 7, 2004.

Mrs. McGuire moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 7, 2004.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Moyer, Turner**

The motion carried.

XII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Timely Release of Report Cards

Mrs. Straus thanked staff for working diligently to ensure the timely and accurate release of the School Report Cards. Mrs. Straus said staff made this remarkable accomplishment seem unremarkable.

B. Social Studies Task Force

Mrs. Straus said the State Board of Education authorized the establishment of a Social Studies Task Force to determine reasons for low social studies scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test. She said she attended the July 8, 2004, Task Force meeting and the first public forum on July 9, 2004, in Wayne. She said the public forum was well attended by teachers and parents. She said the Task Force will meet to review suggestions and make recommendations to the Board at the September meeting.

C. Education Leadership Colloquium

Mrs. Straus said she attended the Education Leadership Colloquium under the aegis of the Education Commission of the States on July 12-13, 2004 in Orlando, Florida to discuss civic education and service-learning in Michigan. Mrs. Straus said the Michigan delegation includes: Linda Start, Center for Civic Education; Linda Humphries, Earth Force; Amy Smitter, Michigan Campus Compact; Kathleen Stacey, Eastern Michigan University; Paula Kaiser, Michigan Community Service Commission; Brian Berce, Michigan Civics Institute; Representative Doug Hart; Pam Wong; and Tom Watkins.

D. Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth

Mrs. Straus said she attended the first meeting of the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth on July 14, 2004. She said she is a member of the Preparation Work Group.

E. Western Michigan University Graduate Class

Mrs. Straus said she spoke to a graduate class from Western Michigan University on politics and education on July 20, 2004. She said the class is taught by Professor Larry Schlack, and the meeting is an annual event.

F. Intermediate School District Subcommittee

Mrs. Straus said the Board's Subcommittee on Intermediate School Districts met on July 21, 2004. She said Board members in attendance were subcommittee members Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Curtin, Mr. Turner, and herself. She said the subcommittee has been expanded to include organization and intermediate school district representatives.

G. School for the Blind Trust Fund Committee

Mrs. Straus said she, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. McGuire, and staff participated in the Michigan School for the Blind Trust Fund Committee meeting on July 29, 2004.

H. Michigan Coalition on Civic Education

Mrs. Straus said she participated in a meeting of the Michigan Coalition on Civic Education on July 29, 2004.

I. Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award

Mrs. Straus said the Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award will be presented at the October Board meeting. She said Dr. William Beardmore, Dorothy Beardmore's husband, will be in attendance. Mrs. Straus said she has asked Board members who served on the Board with Mrs. Beardmore to participate on the Selection Committee. She said the Selection Committee members serving with her are Dr. Moyer, Mrs. McGuire, and Mrs. Weiser. She said Department staff working with the Committee are Mrs. Eileen Hamilton and Ms. Jean Shane.

XIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

G. Human Resources Report

H. Report on the Delta-Schoolcraft and Genesee Intermediate School District Plans for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

I. Report on a Modification to the Previously Approved Manistee Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

J. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Calhoun Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

- K. Report on the Sanilac Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- L. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- Y. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorship
- Z. Report on the Allegan County Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- AA. Report on the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

- M. 2004-2005 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Initial
- N. 2004-2005 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Continuation
- O. 2004-2005 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Continuation
- P. 2004-2005 Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology – Continuation
- Q. 2004 NCLB – Title II Statewide Activities – Continuation
- R. 2004-2005 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding for FY 2005 – Initial
- BB. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Category 1 \$99,200 Amendment
- CC. 2003-2004 Freedom to Learn (FTL) – Amendment
- DD. 2004-2005 Title I Schoolwide Program Planning Grants – Initial
- EE. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Category 1 \$136,000 Amendment
- FF. 2004-2005 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program – Initial and Continuation

Mrs. Straus said “Superintendent’s Report – Highlights of Activities for July – August 2004” provided by Mr. Watkins is in the agenda folder.

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Emilie Mullins, 5111 Mortar Creek Road, Monroe, Michigan 48161. Ms. Mullins offered comments on inclusive education and least restrictive environment.
- B. Ms. Lauri Stein, 6565 Tanglewood, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546. Ms. Stein shared comments on least restrictive environment and inclusion.
- C. Mr. David Roeske, 7400 Boysen Road, Shelbyville, Michigan 49344. Mr. Roeske offered comments on inclusion.
- D. Mr. Tom Wilson, 4045 23rd Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192. Mr. Wilson shared comments on the United States Sixth District Court of Appeals opinion regarding the Michigan High School Athletic Association court order on girls' sports seasons.
- E. Ms. Darlene Rhodes, 1200 Parkview, Lansing, Michigan 48912. Ms. Rhodes shared comments regarding her son's experiences in school.
- F. Ms. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood offered oral and written comments on charter school authorizers.

XV. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement; and Ms. Betty Underwood, Assistant Director, Curriculum and Instruction, Office of School Improvement; presented a painting to the State Board of Education commemorating the Partnership for Success Program. Dr. Caamal Canul said program funding was terminated in June, 2004.

Ms. Underwood said Mr. Senghor Reid, who received the 2002 Governor's Award for Aspiring Young Artist, was commissioned to do the painting. Dr. Caamal Canul and Ms. Underwood presented the painting to Mrs. Straus.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

XVI. PRESENTATION OF THE 2004 REPORT OF THE JOINT TASK FORCE ON CREATIVITY, ARTS AND CULTURAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Maxine DeBruyn, Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs; Ms. Leslie Knopp, Traverse Management Resources; Mr. Lou Fazzini, All the World's A Stage; Ms. Tracy Sellers, Detroit Institute of Arts; Mr. Jim Sandy, Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence; and Dr. William

Anderson, Director, Department of History, Arts and Libraries; presented the 2004 Report of the Joint Task Force on Creativity, Arts and Cultural Education.

Mrs. DeBruyn introduced members of the Joint Task Force on Creativity, Arts and Cultural Education who were in attendance. She said the purpose of the Task Force is to mobilize stakeholders and resources in support of creativity, arts and cultural education that will meaningfully improve the development and academic achievement of Michigan infants, toddlers, children, and youth. Mrs. DeBruyn said the lead agencies are: (1) Michigan Department of Education; (2) Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries; and (3) Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Mrs. DeBruyn said the following Work Groups were established: (1) Early Childhood Education; (2) High Priority Schools, Students and Communities; (3) Out of School and Community Programs; (4) Higher Education, Teacher Preparation and Professional Development; and (5) Career Preparation and Economic Development.

Mrs. DeBruyn said the Task Force is providing recommendations for: (1) leveraging existing human, material, and financial resources; (2) creating collaborations across governmental and non-governmental sectors; and (3) strategic initiatives and projects.

Mrs. DeBruyn said the Task Force Work Groups will be reorganized into five Strategic Action Teams: (1) Standards, Benchmarks and Assessments, (2) Teacher Preparation and Professional Development, (3) Partnerships and Collaboration, (4) Research and Evaluation, and (5) Outreach and Marketing.

Ms. Knopp said the Task Force held four meetings between April 3, 2004, and June 21, 2004. She said over 130 people consistently attended meetings, and over 200 people responded to the online survey.

Ms. Knopp said the Joint Task Force requests State Board of Education authorization to: (1) Continue the work of the Joint Task Force on Creativity, Arts and Cultural Education over the next eighteen months; (2) Restructure into five Strategic Action Teams based on commonly identified themes through Work Groups and surveys; (3) Support regionally-based initiatives that will work with the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Michigan Department of Education, intermediate school districts and local school districts to assist high priority school communities.

Ms. Knopp said the Task Force is proposing the chairs of the five Strategic Action Teams, and the Directors of the lead agencies form a Coordinating Council.

Ms. Knopp said the Work Group on Early Childhood Education saw many opportunities to collaborate with initiatives and organizations that are currently available to blend early childhood education and the arts.

Mr. Fazzini, Chair of the Work Group on High Priority Schools, Students and Communities; said systems, partners and players are in place for inclusion of the arts in the educational process.

Ms. Sellers, Work Group on Out of School and Community Programs, said the group defined out of school and community programs as learning that is generated by out-of-school providers, whether that learning is delivered during, or outside of school hours. She said there frequently is a lack of awareness of programs and, therefore, access to programs.

Ms. Knopp said higher education, teacher preparation and professional development were topics discussed in many of the Work Groups. She said the Task Force realizes there is a need to align and collaborate with many ongoing efforts currently available.

Mr. Sandy thanked Mr. Bob Thomas, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, for his participation in the Work Group on Career Preparation and Economic Development. Mr. Sandy said the business community values creative minds that “think outside the box,” and he urged the Task Force to put as much emphasis on education and learning as the arts while they work on this effort.

Dr. Anderson said this is a time like none before, when there is a genuine readiness for people across the state to recognize the role of creativity in what is being called the new economy. He said there is a commitment to delivering on the promise of creativity, arts, and cultural education for all students.

Mrs. Straus said the State Board of Education members had just received a copy of a letter to state Superintendents dated July 2004 from Secretary of Education, Rod Paige. She said the letter stated that arts are a core academic subject under the No Child Left Behind Act, and expressed support for including arts in the curriculum. She thanked the members of the Task Force for their work and she expressed support for the work of the Joint Task Force.

Mr. Austin discussed the need to include culture, arts, and the contribution arts education makes toward the economy as part of the Lieutenant Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth.

Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education receive the report, and refer it to staff for review and to develop recommendations for State Board of Education approval at a future meeting.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Moyer, Turner

The motion carried.

Ms. DeBruyn invited State Board of Education members to become participants in one of the Strategic Action Teams.

XVII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

XVIII. APPROVAL OF REVISED PROCEDURES FOR ADDRESSING LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT IN PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services; Mr. Ric Hogerheide, Michigan Education Association and Vice Chair of Special Education Advisory Committee; and Ms. Pat Clement, The Arc Michigan and Chair of Special Education Advisory Committee presented Approval of Revised Procedures for Addressing Least Restrictive Environment in Placement of Students Receiving Special Education Services.

Dr. Thompson said in June 2003 the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) provided the State Board of Education with recommendations regarding revisions to an existing document, the State Board of Education Position Statement on Inclusive Education adopted by the Board in February 1992. She said following discussion of the proposed revisions, staff were directed by the Board to identify the document more accurately as a procedural document.

Dr. Thompson said adjustments to ordering of content and wording were made within the document to align with the focus on procedures, and the document is now presented to the Board for approval as Procedures for Addressing Least Restrictive Environment in Placement of Students Receiving Special Education Services.

Mrs. Bauer thanked SEAC for its thorough work over the years and engaging discussions across all areas of the state.

Mrs. Bauer suggested that Step 5 of the process be moved before Step 3 and that the steps be renumbered. She said the family should be engaged in discussion before the discussion of placement occurs. There was concurrence to make this change.

Mrs. Bauer said, in her opinion, the document is a procedure and not a policy; and the 1984 and 1992 State Board Policy Statements should be rescinded, because they are out-of-date. She said if new policy is to be promulgated, it should occur after the Universal Education Referent Group presents its findings.

Dr. Thompson said the procedure puts the federal legislation into language that can be more easily understood.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the Procedures Document for Addressing Least Restrictive Environment in Placement of Students Receiving Special Education Services, as identified in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2004, as modified by the Board, and approve dissemination to the field.

Mrs. Bauer said she is abstaining from voting on this issue because she believes the development of operating procedures are an administrative function and something Department staff should do under the direction of the Superintendent. She said she believes the Board should be concerned only with policy direction.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Curtin, McGuire, Straus, Weiser

Abstain: Bauer

Absent: Moyer, Turner

The motion carried.

Mrs. Straus said there is a long history on this issue, and asked staff to provide an analysis of previous policies and note sections superseded by law.

Mrs. Straus thanked the members of SEAC for their dedication, commitment, and concern.

XIX. PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF MILLER COLLEGE AS A TEACHER PREPARATION INSTITUTION

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer; and Ms. Sue Wittick, Office of Professional Preparation Services; presented Preliminary Approval of Miller College as a Teacher Preparation Institution.

Ms. Wittick said an application was received in May 2004 from Miller College for preliminary approval as a teacher preparation institution. She said Michigan Department of Education staff have examined the application materials, which indicate that the necessary resources and support are in place. She said the Board is being asked to grant preliminary approval to Miller College so that the institution may proceed in the development of programs for the initial preparation of teachers.

Ms. Wittick said Miller College will open in fall of 2005 on the campus of Kellogg Community College providing junior and senior level studies leading to a bachelor's degree. She said Miller College purchased the charter of Kendall College of Art and Design, which had been absorbed by Ferris State University.

Mrs. Straus said the Board should study the sale and purchase of charters, in the future.

Dr. Arthur W. Angood, President of Miller College, was invited to the table by Mrs. Straus. Dr. Angood said this is an initiative funded by the Miller Foundation and Binda Foundation covering start up costs, and tuition will generate the funding when the college opens. Dr. Angood said Miller College is the only private upper division college in the nation affiliated with a public community college. He said an independent study, conducted over the course of 18 months,

showed overwhelming need in the Battle Creek community and surrounding area for a local college offering a means to attain a bachelor's degree.

Dr. Angood introduced Dr. Gloria Robinson, Chair of the School of Education; and Dr. Skip Sullivan, Academic Dean, who were in attendance.

Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education grant preliminary approval to Miller College for the purpose of developing initial elementary and secondary teacher preparation programs, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2004.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Moyer, Turner

The motion carried.

XX. UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION

Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director, presented Update on Educational Legislation.

Mr. Morris distributed an Update on Educational Legislative Issues dated August 10, 2004.

Mr. Morris said the intermediate school district legislation is pending action in late August or early September.

Mr. Morris said the Department of Education budget is still pending.

Mr. Morris said it is anticipated that the issue of replacing the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests with the American College Test (ACT) is on hold until the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth makes recommendations.

Mr. Morris said the Detroit Public School Reform Board legislation was signed into law by Governor Granholm on August 6, 2004. He said Detroit voters have two options on the ballot: (1) return to the old form of governance – an 11-member school board with four members elected at large and seven members elected from districts; or (2) a strong CEO form, with the mayor nominating a school CEO, and advice and consent required of a nine member school board.

This was an update only and no action was taken.

XXI. DISCUSSION REGARDING SIXTH CIRCUIT OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS RULING – COMMUNITIES FOR EQUITY V. MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Straus presented the Discussion Regarding Sixth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeal Ruling – Communities for Equity v. Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

Mrs. Bauer said the issue being discussed is gender discrimination and equity for women in athletics. She said the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit affirmed the judgment of the District Court on the basis that MHSAA's actions regarding the scheduling of girls' sports seasons in Michigan violated the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Mrs. Bauer said Mr. Watkins wrote a letter dated July 30, 2004, to his colleagues on the MHSAA Representative Council urging them to end the litigation and discrimination against female athletes in Michigan and comply with the Court ruling. She said the MHSAA Representative Council decided to proceed with the appeal at its August 4, 2004, meeting.

Mr. Austin said girls' sports provide health and self-esteem benefits. He said blunt policy instruments work, and Title IX is an example of this.

Mrs. McGuire suggested that the Board file an amicus brief with the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Mrs. Curtin said it is not uncommon for small schools to have one gym, and the same coaches for both girls' and boys' sports. She said schools will comply, because they must, however it is not going to be easy.

Mr. Jim Sandy offered comments from the perspective of a former coach. He said he supports girls' sports, but is concerned some programs may be eliminated under the ruling.

Mr. Ric Hogerheide offered comments from the perspective of an official referee of sporting events. He said other states have been successful, and he urged the Board to do what is right for the benefit of the students.

Mrs. Straus said that Ms. Roberta Stanley is the Department's Title IX Coordinator, and she has been in contact with superintendents and has held training sessions for school districts on Title IX issues. Mrs. Carnell said Ms. Stanley would be a good resource for schools implementing this change.

Mrs. McGuire suggested that the 48 states that have successfully aligned interscholastic sports can provide best practices to help guide Michigan schools.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education strongly encourages the Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association to end both the litigation and the discrimination against female athletes in Michigan and comply with the recent ruling of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Court.

In addition, the State Board authorizes the Board's Executive Committee to explore the procedures for requesting the Attorney General to file an amicus brief in support of Communities for Equity, and authorizes the Executive Committee to work with the Office of the Attorney General to file an amicus brief if Court Rules require filing prior to the September 14, 2004, Board meeting.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Moyer, Turner**

The motion carried.

Ms. Carnell left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

XXII. CONSENT AGENDA

- W. Approval of Request to Change Name of Intermediate School District of St. Clair County**
- X. Appointment of Members to State Board of Education Professional Standards Commission for Teachers (PSCT) Advisory Group**

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- W. approve the request of the Intermediate School District of St. Clair County to change its name to St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2004; and**
- X. (1) appoint Thomas Langdon to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers to fulfill the remainder of a four-year term ending June 30, 2006; (2) appoint David Hamilton to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers for a four-year term ending June 30, 2008; (3) reappoint Russell Kirksey, Judy Brune, and Nancy Shaw to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers for four-year terms ending June 30, 2008; and (4) appoint David Ascher to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers to fulfill the remainder of a four-year term ending June 30, 2005, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2004.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Moyer, Turner

The motion carried.

Dr. Hughes offered a point of clarification on Item W. He said he has been asked if intermediate school districts and regional educational service agencies have different powers, functions, responsibilities, or freedom to act. He said the name change occurs because of a desire on the part of the intermediate school district to be defined by its function as an educational service agency; and the powers, functions, responsibilities and freedom to act remain the same.

XXIII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. Pontiac Mentor – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said she has volunteered for the mentoring program in the Pontiac School District that was presented to the Board at the July Board meeting. She said she was formerly a teacher in the Pontiac School District.

XXIV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. Straus asked Board members to submit agenda item topics for the September 14, 2004, meeting to the Agenda Planning Committee.

XXV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. September 14, 2004 (Clinton Regional Educational Service Area, St. Johns, Michigan)
- B. October 12, 2004
- C. November 9, 2004
- D. December 14, 2004

XXVI. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary